Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Seeing that the municipality spent the money bona fide expecting that the Government which cancelled the Collector's order would sanction the expenditure, will the Government be pleased to reconsider the order and sanction the expenditure ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" The question before the Government was whether the expenditure was authorized or not ; Government came to the conclusion that it was not. "

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Cannot Government sanction expenditure even though it was not authorized ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" Government can sanction if they think fit. "

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" May I ask why they should not sanction such an expenditure now ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" In this case they thought they had better not. "

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Are Government satisfied that the municipality incurred this expenditure bona fide thinking that the Government would sanction the expenditure ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" The question of bona fide does not at all arise. "

Mr. A. Chidambara Nadar :—" Did Government consult the District Collector with regard to this matter of sanction ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" I do not think he was consulted. "

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Did the District Collector himself give any suggestion ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" I am not aware of any such thing. "

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—" Is it not a fact that the District Collector cancelled this because there was no provision in the budget and subject to the sanction of the Government the municipality can incur the expenditure ? "

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" If the Government think that this is done bona fide, will they not be pleased to reconsider the matter ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" No, Sir. "

Audit objection to expenditure by the Tirupati Municipal Council on account of Mr. Gandhi.

*287 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Council of Tirupati resolved to send a wire to Mrs. Gandhi on the recovery of Mahatma Gandhi from serious illness and to spend some sugarcandy in a spinning competition and these expenses came to Rs. 5-8-0 and Rs. 8-11-0 respectively ;

(b) whether the Assistant Examiner of Local Fund Accounts has objected to these items and the council has replied that these came under ordinary expenditure ; and

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(c) whether the Chairman of the municipal council has applied to the Government to sanction the expenditure of these two sums if such sanction was necessary; what orders have been passed by the Government in the matter?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.

(c) Yes. The charges being of an extraordinary nature require the sanction of Government (or of the Collector to whom the Government have delegated their powers) under rule 53 (6) of Schedule IV of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920. The Chairman, Municipal Council, Tirupati, was informed on 6th January 1925 that the Government were not prepared to sanction the expenditure.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know if the municipalities are not permitted to incur the ordinary charges on correspondence ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, they are permitted."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Does not telegram come under correspondence ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It must not be a telegram to any individual with whom the local body has no concern."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" Supposing a letter was written instead of a telegram, would that one anna spent on the stamp have been disallowed ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" When the question arises, Government will consider it."

Admission in medical schools and colleges.

* 288 *Q.*—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any medical school or college is earmarked for students coming from a particular district;

(b) whether any test for admitting the students has been prescribed or is being observed in selecting students for admission ;

(c) whether the student's vernacular has any bearing upon the students admitted into any school or college and if so, why so ;

(d) why in 1923–24, out of 149 Tanjorians only 109 were admitted in Tanjore school and 37 admitted in Royapuram and 3 in Madura ; and

(e) what the principles are which guide the selection boards, if any, in the matter of admission ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the rules published in Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 9th June 1925.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

(d) Generally pupils are posted in the first instance to the schools they ask for so far as accommodation permits. At their own request, some students belonging to Tanjore were posted or transferred to other medical schools. Further, the Medical